

SB0272



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Introduced 2/6/2009, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs - Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-610.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone in a school speed zone or a construction or maintenance speed zone, except for a person engaged in a highway construction or maintenance project for which a construction or maintenance speed zone has been established when the person is using a wireless telephone in furtherance of that project.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 12-610.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-610.1)

7 Sec. 12-610.1. Wireless telephones.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "wireless telephone" means a
9 device that is capable of transmitting or receiving telephonic
10 communications without a wire connecting the device to the
11 telephone network.

12 (b) A person under the age of 19 years who holds an
13 instruction permit issued under Section 6-105 or 6-107.1, or a
14 person under the age of 19 years who holds a graduated license
15 issued under Section 6-107, may not drive a vehicle on a
16 roadway while using a wireless phone.

17 (c) This Section does not apply to a person under the age
18 of 19 years using a wireless telephone for emergency purposes,
19 including, but not limited to, an emergency call to a law
20 enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or
21 other emergency services agency or entity.

22 (d) If a graduated driver's license holder over the age of
23 18 committed an offense against traffic regulations governing

1 the movement of vehicles or any violation of Section 6-107 or
2 Section 12-603.1 of this Code in the 6 months prior to the
3 graduated driver's license holder's 18th birthday, and was
4 subsequently convicted of the violation, the provisions of
5 paragraph (b) shall continue to apply until such time as a
6 period of 6 consecutive months has elapsed without an
7 additional violation and subsequent conviction of an offense
8 against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles
9 or any violation of Section 6-107 or Section 12-603.1 of this
10 Code.

11 (e) A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless
12 telephone while operating a motor vehicle in a school speed
13 zone established under Section 11-605 or a construction or
14 maintenance speed zone established under Section 11-605.1.
15 This subsection (e) does not apply to a person engaged in a
16 highway construction or maintenance project for which a
17 construction or maintenance speed zone has been established
18 under Section 11-605.1 when the person is using a wireless
19 telephone in furtherance of that project.

20 (Source: P.A. 94-240, eff. 7-15-05; 95-310, eff. 1-1-08;
21 95-338, eff. 1-1-08; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)